

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 11, AMEND claims 1-3, AND 5-6 and ADD new claim 12 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for delivering information to a plurality of user terminals, comprising:

a storage unit storing first and second groups of data,

the first group of data including a combination of first identification data, first index data corresponding to the first identification data, and second index data assigned to a second user terminal to which first information data associated with the first identification data is delivered, and

the second group of data including a combination of the first identification data, the first information data, second identification data identifying a second user terminal and corresponding to the second index data, and profile data related to the second identification data and provided by the second user terminal, and the second group of data being assigned with the first index data; and

~~means a processor to perform a process~~ for allowing entry of updated information into said storage unit to update said first information data; and means to perform a process for determining an order of the plurality of the second user terminals for delivering the updated information data according to the profile data acquired by reference to the second group of data in said storage unit when the first information data is updated, the updated first information data being delivered according to the order.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the processor performs a process ~~means~~ for detecting restriction data with respect to a restriction on delivering the updated first information data, the restriction data being included in the updated first information data, and ~~means a process~~ for determining whether the updated first information data is delivered according to the restriction data.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~further comprising: wherein the processor performs a process~~ means for detecting restriction data with respect to a restriction on delivering the updated first information data, the restriction data being included in the first updated information data, and ~~means a process~~ for determining the order according to the restriction data.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the restriction data is responsive to a date on which the updated first information data is delivered.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~the apparatus further includes~~ means ~~wherein the processor performs a process~~ for adding a datum responsive to the order to the updated first information data.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~further comprising: wherein the processor performs a process~~ means for receiving order information data and instruction data for changing the updated first information data, the order information data being responsive to the order for delivering the updated first information data, and ~~means a process~~ for changing the updated first information data according to the instruction data.
7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the profile data includes at least one of a datum responsive to a present status of a user of the user terminal, a datum responsive to a type of the user terminal, a datum of a location datum of the user terminal, a datum responsive to an order in which the first information data was delivered to the user terminal, a datum responsive to communication history, a datum responsive to a frequency of updating information transmitted from the user terminal, a datum responsive to a last updating date and time of information transmitted from the user terminal, and a datum responsive to whether a charge for reception of the first information is paid or not paid.
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first information data includes a plurality of first information data which are different from each other, each first information data is assigned an order, and the first information data is delivered to the user terminal corresponding to the order.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of information delivery comprising:  
receiving information from a user terminal;  
obtaining identification information identifying a user terminal to which the information is to be delivered, and an index assigned to the information;  
obtaining profile information from a user terminal requiring delivery of the information;  
storing the profile information according to the identification information at each index;  
receiving updated information updating the information; and  
determining an order of a plurality of the user terminals to receive information assigned at each index for delivering the updated information when the information is updated, the updated information being delivered according to the order.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9, wherein the profile data includes at least one of a datum responsive to a present status of a user of the user terminal, a datum responsive to a type of the user terminal, a datum of a positional datum of the user terminal, a datum responsive to the order in which the information was delivered to the user terminal, a datum responsive to communication history, a datum responsive to a frequency of updating information transmitted from the user terminal, a datum responsive to a last updating date and time of information transmitted from the user terminal, and a datum responsive to whether a charge for reception of the information is paid or not paid.

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (NEW) An apparatus to deliver information to a plurality of user terminals, comprising:  
a storage; and  
a processor which performs processes, including:  
receiving information from a user terminal,  
obtaining identification information identifying a user terminal to which the information is to be delivered, and an index assigned to the information,  
obtaining profile information from a user terminal requiring delivery of the information,  
storing, on the storage, the profile information according to the identification information at each index,  
receiving updated information updating the information, and  
determining an order of a plurality of the user terminals to receive information

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assigned at each index for delivering the updated information when the information is updated, the updated information being delivered according to the order.